Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2026
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Town: Robert Readie, Chairman; Jared Rouleau and Michael Eramo, Selectboard; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator (via WEBEX) and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Sarah Wraight, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission and Shawn Dougherty

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Marilyn brought up the issues with getting WEBEX recordings of meetings. Cheryl is hoping that the WEBEX Bot attending the meeting will take care of the issue and it might be time for a new Owl due to bad audio quality.

Agenda:

- Sarah asked if she could have some time to speak about the CDBG project and revised plans. Bob and Mike made the motion to allow it. All in favor.

- Sarah indicated that she had followed up with the State Fire Marshall and VT Historic Preservation and they both gave their preliminary approval for the changes. Mike had recommended glass in the entrance and exit doors in the back of the building for safety reasons; the bulkhead was to be covered with an entrance door leading into the basement; bulkhead doors to be removed.

- Sarah will reach out to Doug of GVV letting him know we have an extension until June 30, 2027. She will ask him for an updated cost estimate splitting the project into 2 phases (front and back). Wagner Heindel & Noyes will be doing a walk through for the brownfield survey.

- Discussion about front entrance doors, stairways and support columns came up. Marilyn indicated it sounded like 2 or 3 options and wondered what they were. Mike indicated that Option #1 would be the front entrance stairs, ramp and doors possibly lighting. Option #2 would be the support columns for the floor/ceiling/steeple and the back egrasse.

- Sarah will get final approvals from the State and Cheryl and Sarah will look into finding historic photographs of the Church in various phases.

Financials:

- Orders – Discussion vendor service charges, TRORC annual dues to be put on Town Meeting Warning, USPS Broker Charge for Lease. The rest of the invoices were paid as presented.

- Reports – Cheryl indicated some issues with reported Restricted Fund Balances; Reappraisal (spent during the 2025/2026 reappraisal) and Restricted Highway Capital Investment (spent during the 2025/2026 graveling of N. Hollow Rd.).

Financials (continued):

- Tax Sales – Cheryl indicated that the Attorney believes we cannot go ahead because the proper Warrants were not issued and we may have to wait until May of 2027.

- Funding Source for Security System – Selectboard agreed to use the Buildings & Grounds Maintenance 6030 account to pay for it.

- GVFD Project Funding – USDA Rural Development will provide up to $488,000.00 and any amount over that will need to be covered by the Town through a USDA Loan and/or Bond. Selectboard believes the project will be less than the grant award. We just need to hire an architect to draw up the plans, etc. for the project.

- DRAFT #2 of 2027/2028 Proposed Budget – NEMRC line item just a place holder, Outside Auditor place holder for audit firm to audit books, VLCT Dues and Appropriation request of Tri-Valley Transit items for further discussion.

- Taser Contract – Current contract approved by Constable the Selectboard wants to review prior to its consideration and approval. Discussion about traffic duty provided; Selectboard would like to see more of a presence from the Constable to slow people down especially evenings and weekends.

Minutes:

- Jared made the motion to accept the October 12, 2026, minutes as written and Bob seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Regional Emergency Management Plan – Mark and Danial will work together to update.

- FEMA Incident Command Training Requirements – Bob will sign up for ICS 101 certification for the Town in case of a disaster we can apply for assistance.

- Transferring from QuickBooks to NEMRC – discussion ensued indicating that a concerned citizen wanted to know if it would help the Treasurer and cut costs for the Town. It was a place holder in the proposed budget, and more research was needed to fully understand the pros and cons of switching.

- Potholes in North Entrance of Town Offices – Mike volunteered to move his equipment up from the neighbor's once finished and will take care of them.

Old Business:

- Sale of Town Fire Truck – Bob will reach out to his contacts and more than likely it will be sold for scrap.

Old Business (continued):

- Readvertising for Outside Audit Firm – Selectboard would like a Warning Article to Rescind the vote to eliminate the office of auditor. See if there are people interested in filling the position.

- Planning Commission Meeting November 11th at 6:00 p.m. – Selectboard to stay on top of the Town Plan discussions and keeping the public informed. Jared feels that some property owners just don't know what property rights the Regional and State plans are proposing to take away from them.

- Buildings & Grounds – Nothing presented.

Roads:

- Storm Clean Up Person – John Belisle will be performing these duties.

- Jared reports that the roads are ready for the winter.

Public Communication:

Mike mentioned that although the Town does not offer health insurance; officials can get dental insurance coverage. Bob asked Cheryl to have the information shared with the Selectboard.

Items for New Agenda:

- Architect for GVFD Project
- Continue Budget Process
- Warning Articles

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on December 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Bob made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. And Mike seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk